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Ms. Janice D. Williams, Senior Director
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P.O. Box 1000, MSIN: H8-67
Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Wisness and Ms. Williams:

Re: Hanford Facility Dangerous Waste Part A Permit Application (Part A), Form 3, Revision 1
(WA7890008967), for the Waste Encapsulation Storage Facility (WESF)

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The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has received and reviewed the U.S. Department of Energy's (USDOE) above-referenced Part A (Form 3).

After several months of WESF workshops between USDOE, Fluor Hanford, Inc. and Ecology concerning the unique mission of the WESF facility and the appropriate application of the dangerous waste requirements, a draft Part A was provided to Ecology for comment. Ecology requested the second sentence in Section III be clarified to acknowledge that the Cesium and Strontium capsules had been stored in WESF prior to July 14, 1997. The date provided is the actual date the capsules were declared waste. This comment was not incorporated into the certified revision submitted to Ecology on July 13, 2000. Ecology is greatly disappointed that this comment was not incorporated; however, since this omitted text only clarified existing text, Ecology is approving Revision 1 of the WESF Part A permit (Form 3). Ecology will require that the clarifying text be included in any further revisions of the WESF Part A (Form 3).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda L. Becker-Khaleel".

Brenda L. Becker-Khaleel
Nuclear Waste Program

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